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CDR Densing was born in Dallas, Texas, and is a 1999 graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University.

After completing his graduate studies, CDR Densing earned his “Wings of Gold” and was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 2002. Flying the EA-6B Prowler with the Patriots of VAQ-140, he completed two deployments to the Northern Arabian Gulf and Iwakuni, Japan.

Following sea duty, CDR Densing attended the United States Navy Test Pilot School, graduating in class 131 in June 2007. He then served as an EA-6B Project Officer with VX-23 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, leading the developmental test effort for the Improved Capability (ICAP) III Block 4 program, from first flight through DT/OT transition and OTRR.

In December 2009, CDR Densing was assigned to Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula, where he served as the Officer in Charge of a Special Forces Liaison Element to the Iraqi National Counterterrorism Unit headquarters, located in Baghdad, Iraq. During this augmentation tour he facilitated the special operations targeting cycle and the execution of US/Iraqi special forces missions throughout Iraq.

From 2010-2012, CDR Densing completed his department head tour with the Bloodhounds of VX-30. While stationed in Point Mugu, California, he served as the Projects Department Head, Platform Coordinator, and Operations Officer, supporting range clearance and test events involving P-3's, C-130's, and S-3's. In 2011, he was selected as the Naval Test Wing Pacific Test NFO of the Year.

Following his department head tour, CDR Densing transitioned to become an Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer, reporting for a program office tour at PMA-262 in January 2013. As the MQ-4C Triton Communications IPT Lead, he led efforts in maturing the system's five communication links and established paths to link certification. In April 2014, he assumed the IPT Lead for Tasking Collection Processing Exploitation Dissemination (TCPED), Interoperability, and Cybersecurity. In this position, he coordinated with Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) and other government agencies to identify, track, and

resolve MQ-4C Triton interoperability seams, as well as maintain the program's cyber defense strategy.

CDR Densing's current position as Director, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Test Directorate involves oversight of research, development, test, evaluation, and experimentation of Navy/Marine UAS's, including fixed and rotary wing autonomous, semi-autonomous, and remotely piloted aircraft.

CDR Densing is married to the former Margot Hitpas from Andover, NJ; they have two daughters, Katherine and Hannah.